



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Moisture was received late last week across most of Colorado. Temperatures were reported below average across the state with frost reported along the Front Range and Eastern Plains of Colorado. Reports indicate that it is too early to tell if winter wheat was damaged by the frost. Snow accumulations along the Front Range were anywhere from 2 to 10 inches. The snow received in the Rocky Mountains will supplement lower than average snowpack levels which are needed for irrigation during the summer. Producers are beginning early spring fieldwork but high moisture levels continue to slow planting in areas along the Front Range and northeast Colorado. Although eastern Colorado has been receiving good levels of moisture, the western counties finally received appreciable levels of precipitation last week. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 5.3 days in the field to begin fieldwork and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	7	81	9
Last Week	4	9	77	10
Last Year	10	26	62	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	19	73	3
Last Week	5	15	73	7
Last Year	16	42	41	1

Field Crops: Winter wheat was at 8 percent pastured with 9 percent jointed last week. The crop was rated in mostly excellent to good condition. Spring barley was 28 percent seeded with 10 percent at or beyond the emerged stage by week's end. Spring wheat was 14 percent seeded last week with 3 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Producers continue to plant crops with dry onions at 44 percent planted, summer potatoes at 11 percent planted, and sugarbeets at 13 percent planted by the end of the week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 8, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	3	4	16	32	45
Last Year	6	16	30	40	8

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions have improved thanks to the precipitation received last week. Cool season grasses continue to emerge from dormancy.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. The wet weather conditions have especially been hard on new born livestock with high levels of illness being reported. Producers continue to feed supplements to help livestock restore conditioning lost from the extreme winter weather experienced on the Eastern Plains of Colorado.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 8, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	2	14	40	41	3
Prev. Year – 2006	9	21	47	23	0
5-Year Avg.	17	29	37	16	1

SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	67	68
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	66	63

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 8, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	8	14	2	1
Jointed	9	3	14	10
Spring Barley				
Seeded	28	17	24	29
Emerged	10	1	7	9
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	14	8	14	20
Emerged	3	1	6	6
Dry Onions				
Planted	44	26	35	48
Sugarbeets				
Planted	13	8	13	25
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	11	3	9	11

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	3	4	16	32	45

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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